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Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street N.W.
Washington DC, 20005

RE: XM/Sirius Merger – MB Docket No. 07-57

To the Commissioners:

I am writing to you today in regards to the proposed merger between satellite radio companies XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio. I urge you to deny any request from these currently competing companies to consolidate into one conglomerate.

With the above mention companies having the only licenses, the current level of competition in the satellite radio field is very slim. Approving this consolidation request seems to promote a monopolistic environment that will only prove detrimental to consumers. Subscription-based satellite radio would have one company that could charge whatever it wishes and offer whatever content it wishes without fear of losses to competitors.

The current state of satellite radio, with two distinct competitors offering different packages, not only allows consumers to choose what appeals to them the most, but also forces XM and Sirius to differentiate themselves and remain competitive. The competition comes in the form of subscription fees, content delivery, and radio technology.

Both of these companies knew what they were signing up for when they bid on the satellite allocations. The intention was to have TWO companies competing with each other for the precise reason of preventing an anti-competitive outcome. Should they be able to go back on that deal because of such stunningly bad financial decisions such as paying 500 million dollars to Howard Stern?

As an XM subscriber I appreciate the fact that there is another satellite radio option. This competition keeps XM "honest", not only with subscriber fees but with the programming and content offered.

I appreciate the time you have taken to read my concerns and hope that you take my arguments into account when deciding on the fate of this merger.

Sincerely,

Doug Muldowney